

**IN THE SPECIFICATION**

Please replace the paragraph starting on page 13, line 9 with the following amended paragraph:

A fragment of one or more of the nucleic acid molecules of the invention may be a probe and specifically a PCR probe. A PCR probe is a nucleic acid molecule capable of initiating a polymerase activity while in a double-stranded structure with another nucleic acid. Various methods for determining the structure of PCR probes and PCR techniques exist in the art. Computer generated searches using programs such as Primer3 (available on the worldwide web at [\[\[www.\]\]genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3.cgi](http://www.genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/primer/primer3.cgi)), STSPipeline (available on the worldwide web at [\[\[www.\]\]genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/www-STSPipeline](http://www.genome.wi.mit.edu/cgi-bin/www-STSPipeline)), or GeneUp (Pesole *et al.*, *BioTechniques* 25:112-123 (1998)), for example, can be used to identify potential PCR primers.